

TOWN OF GUILFORD SELECTMEN'S MEETING

August 7, 2012

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Thompson at 7:00 PM. Present were selectmen Michael Dexter, Rick Lander, Kent Burdin, Peter Martell, and guests Matt Holland and Lou Sidell.
2. Motion made by Lander, seconded by Burdin to approve minutes of the prior meeting. Unanimous.
3. Balance sheets distributed and accepted.
4. A letter from Eileen Pushor was read, thanking the board for the flowers at Don's service.
5. Manager read a letter from the Town of Brownville thanking us for the assistance we provided when their roads washed away back in June. We provided a loader and operator for four days and it was well appreciated.
6. MMA voting ballot presented; following a motion by Burdin with a Dexter second, board unanimously appointed manager to cast the town's vote on their behalf for the incoming slate of officers.
7. Matt Holland returned to discuss his findings on his plan for a revolving micro-loan program. The plan is to raise and appropriate a certain amount of money to be used as seed or assistance loans to small businesses both starting or in need of a temporary boost. Matt stated that MMA and their legal department could find no regulations against the idea, but he noted every one he spoke with seemed bewildered to think a town would consider such a plan with no federal or state funding! Matt further stated he was waiting on other inquiries and had more research to complete, but noted he hoped this arrangement could provide a faster response than traditional larger loans from standard lenders.
8. Service program appropriations were discussed as follows: following a motion by Burdin seconded by Martell, the board voted to grant \$1514.00 to the American Red Cross, \$1500.00 to WomanCare, \$1500.00 to Guilford Historical Society, \$1500.00 to the Eastern Area Agency on Ageing, \$875.00 to Community Health and Counseling, and \$600.00 to Pine Tree Hospice.
9. Manager gave a brief report on the 2012 Piscataquis River Festival held July 27th and 28th. The weather was great once again for the eighth year in a row and the parade was enjoyed by all. Many of the vendors reported lower than normal sales this year, but Bangor Fair reported a

similar downward trend.

10. It was reported that work has begun on the North Main Street sidewalk; S&G Construction is doing the work and should begin paving on Thursday. The ditch will be eliminated in favor of a paved apron, matching the lower portion of the street. The School Street sidewalk on the north side is scheduled for removal.

11. The board voted to approve the renewal of a liquor license for The Covered Bridge Riverside Restaurant on a motion from Lander, seconded by Dexter. Unanimous.

12. The board certified to the Maine Department of Transportation that all funds received for local roads were used for that purpose. The town received about \$29,000.00 and expended over \$290,000.00 last year so the threshold was easily met.

13. Following a discussion regarding failing entry doors, it was decided to contact BNF to have them replaced as soon as possible.

14. Under Assessor's Issues, two abatement requests were approved, and one was denied.

15. Under Other Business, Burdin discussed ongoing developments with business personal property assessment coding and said a little more work is needed to complete the updates in calculation methods. Dexter noted that a crew from Charleston Correctional was painting the trim at the former primary school building. Lander stated that the ATV club, Piscataquis Predators, was having work done to eliminate some of the wet holes along the trails.

16. Following a motion from Burdin with a Dexter second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM.